

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

As the term moves towards the Christmas season, I am updating you with a few reminders of events in which our pupils are taking part.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. It is our Road safety awareness day. All staff and children are invited to join in our **High Visibility**, non-uniform day. The brighter the better!! Wear some neon, fluorescent, sparkly bright and shiny reflective items and clothes for the day. Then remember to attach some reflective items onto coats and book bags so that children may be seen by drivers during the dark evenings as we walk home from school.

For once children can accessorise and create a living, breathing, walking illumination!!

Please donate £1 towards the school funds that pay for many curriculum enrichment events, such as the "Road Safety Road Show" being performed for the infant classes on Monday afternoon with a focus on crossing the road safely. Thank you.

**Scholastic Book Fair** will be arriving in time for you to select Christmas presents from a range of fantastic new reads for family and friends.

The books will be on sale in the school hall at 3:15 -4.15 pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November next week.

**There is a secret Santa shopper afternoon for Santa's agents / parents taking place in the school hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:30 – 3.15 pm.** You are welcome to drop in, have a cup of tea or coffee and purchase some surprises.

We are hosting one of the spelling, grammar and punctuation competitions that all the Deal primary schools take part in as a friendly, fun way to promote learning.

Rev David Flewker, from St Leonard's Church will lead collective worship on Monday and Fr Roger from St Andrews will lead Collective worship on Thursday.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – another non-uniform day! Tag day for all children to wear their out of school casuals, in exchange please bring in a Tombola prize for our Christmas Fair.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 – Pine Tree class visit to Canterbury Cathedral.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - School choir singing at St George's church in the morning.  
Also, Yr 5 will be visiting Goodwin Academy to carry out a cookery lesson, using the school's state of the art facilities.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Athletics competition. More information will follow.



## **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm our Cracking Christmas Fair.**

Come into school and relax with the staff and children. Visit Santa's Grotto, play some games and get into the Christmas spirit.

Recently, I have been showing prospective new parents around the school and have been most impressed with the level of engagement the children demonstrate. There has been a lovely atmosphere in the school with children working very hard. Their enthusiasm and polite manners and consideration to guests is commendable. Well done everyone, and thank you for all your support.

## **Admission September 2018 – Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

For all parents who have children due to start school in September 2018. Remember to enrol your children with the local education authority. You should apply online:

[www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) by midnight Monday 15th January 2018.

You will not get a place allocated at any school unless you have completed the admissions form. If you are uncertain about this, please ask for help at the school office and a member of staff will assist. Parents with older siblings at this school **must** also submit the on line application form. This is very important, so don't forget!

## **Girls' Football: Whitecliffs 2 - 0 Deal Parochial**

The girls' football team played their first league fixture of the season against Whitecliffs Primary School in Dover on Thursday 23rd November, 2017.

Although Whitecliffs were the more dominant team over the course of the game, our girls matched them with tenacious tackling in both defence and midfield, as well as making many timely interceptions. Both teams had chances to break the deadlock in the first half, but at half-time, we changed ends with the score still at 0-0. In the second half, Olivia's fantastic drop kicks and Aggie's great goal kicks helped us maintain an attacking threat, even though we were having to do a great deal of defending. Part way through the second half, Kaitlin did a wonderful clearance off our goal line to stop Whitecliffs scoring. However, shortly after, we were unfortunate to concede a goal. In a bid to try to equalise, we pushed Lulu further forward to join Flo in attack; this almost had the desired effect as Lulu ran with the ball down the left wing before cutting inside to shoot from a tight angle and narrowly missing. Whitecliffs then managed to score a second goal to finish the match 2-0 winners.

I was very proud of all our team. All the girls played with 100% commitment and a fantastic team spirit throughout. It was also very nice to receive a post-match compliment from the Whitecliffs' coach who said our "girls played brilliantly".

Great effort girls! I look forward to our next match. Many thanks to the parents who helped with transport and for being such great supporters.

*Karen Hodgson*

## **A moment for reflection**

Dear Lord

Thank you for your guidance and wisdom that you give us through your son Jesus Christ.

During this time before Christmas, help us to remember the needy, the poor, the people who are unhappy, or unwell.

We ask you for courage, patience, your love and the power of the Holy Spirit to work amongst us. Amen.

Kind Regards

Justine Brown

